



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

Mailing Address:
15610 Vaughn Road
Brecksville OH 44141
Visitor Center:
1550 Boston Mills Road
Peninsula, OH 44264
www.nps.gov/cuva
www.dayinthevalley.com

Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

For Immediate Release – Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mary Pat Doorley, CVNP, 440-546-5995, 440-343-7355 (cell), or mary_pat_doorley@nps.gov

Ralph Davila, Conservancy, 330-657-2909 ext. 109 or rdavila@cvnpa.org


Upbeat Americana Band Takes Center Stage at Happy Days Lodge

Brecksville, Ohio – *Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem* bring their energetic, upbeat brand of Americana originals to Happy Days Lodge when they take to the stage on Friday, February 17, in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The concert begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert is a part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrating the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Courtyard Marriott-Akron/Stow, 89.7 WKSU, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Cable 9.

Admission is \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show by calling 330-657-2909. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12.

What's a daisy mayhem? It's wicked grooves, sublime lead singing, great harmonies, sparkling original songs, and a deep repertoire that spans 200 years of American music. It's four people who share an irresistible chemistry on stage as an unusually gleeful string band that celebrates both tradition and improvisation and that stumps the categorizers. Start with a fiddle, a guitar, and a standup bass. Add a cardboard box with a suitcase bass drum and tin can cymbals, played by an ex-rock and zydeco drummer. Over that fine groove, hang Rani Arbo's expressive alto, seamless four-part harmonies, and a splash of banjo and ukulele, and you have what the *Boston Globe* describes as "neo old-timey with cosmopolitan splashes of contemporary pop and jazz." Their stage show dips into country blues, vintage swing, modern songwriter fare, and Appalachian fiddle tunes and songs.

-more-



Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call the Conservancy at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

-NPS-